Further falls in payroll jobs in Victoria

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Payroll jobs fell by 1.0 per cent over the month to 8 August, according to figures released by the Australian Bureau of Statistics today.

Bjorn Jarvis, head of Labour Statistics at the ABS, said: "Over the month to 8 August, payroll jobs fell by 2.8 per cent in Victoria. Some of the initial impacts from the Stage 4 restrictions, are shown in the latest weekly data as they came into effect."

"Around 39 per cent of jobs lost in Victoria by mid-April had been regained by 27 June, but by early August this had reduced to 12 per cent."

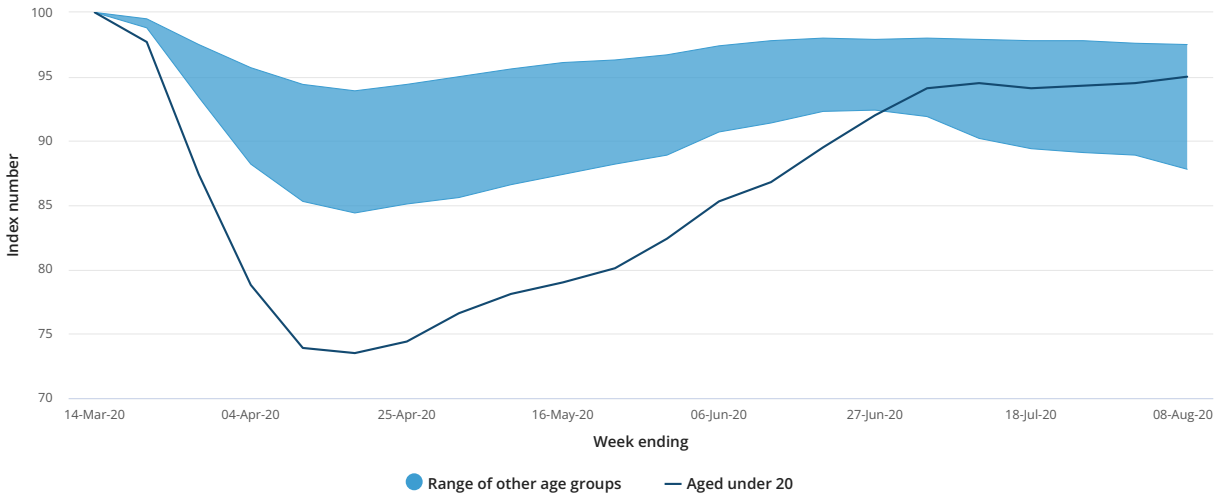
Nationally, payroll jobs at 8 August were around 4.9 per cent below mid-March, when Australia recorded its 100th confirmed COVID-19 case. The latest data showed that after an initial period of recovery between mid-April and mid-June, payroll jobs losses had remained between 4 and 5 per cent below mid-March.

By 8 August, around 43 per cent of payroll jobs lost across Australia by mid-April had been recovered. Close to half (52 per cent) of jobs worked by women had been regained, compared to 19 per cent for males.

Payroll jobs worked by people aged under 20 increased 1.5 per cent nationally in the month to 8 August, however, there was a 5.6 per cent decrease in Victoria.

"Female jobs recovery was greatest for those aged under 20, who also experienced the largest fall in jobs through to mid-April," Mr Jarvis said.

Payroll jobs worked by females by age group, indexed to the week ending 14 March 2020



Further information is available in Weekly Payroll Jobs and Wages in Australia (cat. no. 6160.0.55.001).

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- Jobs by Statistical Area 4 estimates through to the week ending 8 August will be added to this release on Wednesday 26 August 2020.
- An interactive SA4 map examining change in payroll jobs through 2020 will be added to this release on Thursday 27 August 2020.
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